

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 August 1956	2. LOCATION 20 Mi S of Quartz Site, Ariz.	12. CONCLUSIONS
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2300 GMT 09/0600Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilians	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 observer - 5-7 mins 2 observers - 25 to 60 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE north
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object-light, size of dime to a quarter color bluish white, object traveled at a great speed. Object did not change color, altitude or speed.	11. COMMENTS <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u>	

Quartzsite -

3,000 feet

20 miles (Due east
of CIBOLA, ARIZ.)

Time - 23 00 hrs.

Bellows: Numerous - to
the East + west
of Quartzsite

Heated: Winds. Wind is
mostly one way

Estimated W.
Bulldog
Data
after normal 22 00 hrs.
Lanching north. 16 winds
35-50 knots - in one hour
balloon out of base
from the observatory area

Action: Said to 4602 - Hobo
to advise for 45. See 4602
File in Forecast.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO 5D 24-21-182

8 October 1956

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S):
Report of Unidentified Flying Object
Sighted on 8 August 1956 in General
Vicinity of Quartzsite, Arizona

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: AFOLIN 4E4
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. Transmitted herewith for your information and retention is one (1) copy of Spot Intelligence Report, dated 25 September 1956, by District Office #18, file 24-448, concerning subject matter.
2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

Frank D. Whittemore
FOR A.D. IN F.C. 1945
W. G. Hillard
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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SPAT INTELLIGENCE REP.

Subject: Report of Unidentified Flying Object Sighted on 8 August 1956 in General Vicinity of Quartzsite, Arizona

SECTION 100.157

To: Director of Special Investigations
headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, U. S. A.

1. Witness: At approximately 2300 hours, 8 August 1956, [REDACTED] allegedly observed an unidentified flying object flying in sky over the [REDACTED] Hill at a location east of U. S. Highway 65 and approximately twenty miles south of Quartzsite, Arizona. The object flew in a northward-northeastward direction (approximate of opinion), maintained the same altitude and traveling in a straight line. [REDACTED] witness states object appeared as dimish white regulated pulsating light; the light did not appear to have a core but was diffuse throughout. [REDACTED] witness could estimate the altitude or speed of the object, but stated that it was [REDACTED] as a great eighth (higher than aircraft known to the witness can fly), and flying at a high rate of speed. [REDACTED] sound, [REDACTED] object relative size of no smaller than ten cent piece and larger than [REDACTED] one-half inch square; while [REDACTED] object relative size of [REDACTED] one and one-half cent piece. [REDACTED] object

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Re: the object sighted on 8 Aug 50 in cont' vic of Martsite, Arizona

3. On 20 August 1950, the San Diego OSI Document received the correspondence referenced above which is quoted verbatim for your information:

"On the evening of August 8, 1950, I was accompanied with Mr. [REDACTED] on a camping trip into the Arizona desert. The approximate location of our camp was about 20 miles south of Martsite, Arizona, and 2 miles to the east of State Highway 95. At approximately 11:00 P.M. in the heavens directly above us and crossing the sky at a 90 degree angle was a constellation which is circular in nature, actually forming a small circle. The sky also splits at this point and more or less forms a double pattern. To the east, southeast, I observed a light which I will describe as a cold light and diffused in nature. The size of this light would vary from a 10 piece to a 25 piece. Having nothing to gage the actual size of the light is difficult to describe, however, it did not leave a tail or a pattern and appeared to be a fixed light. This light was oscillating at a constant rate for the length of time the light was on to the length of time the light was off. The light had a constant speed traveling at a 90 degree angle to the sky and crossing through the constellation which I previously mentioned. The color of this light was a bluish white. It did not change in color or appearance. It maintained the same altitude which is unknown and continued on into a northeast direction. The course of travel was straight and even and it appeared to be traveling at a great height and in a constant speed on a straight flight.

"We were far enough away from any habitation to be free from local noises and interference. It was impossible for us to hear any sound whatsoever with reference to this light.

"At approximately 11:30 P.M. aircraft were observed flying from west to east and at approximately midnight another aircraft flying from east to west. I also heard a jet aircraft but could not locate any lights or the aircraft itself. The night was crystal clear with no difficulty in observing all of the heavens.

"The purpose in reporting this information is because I believe this light was not from any known aircraft as by my personal knowledge. I am positive this light was not a part of a meteorite nor was it a part of any aircraft that I have ever observed. The rate of travel was approximately 5 to 7 minutes and could have been a shorter period of time, as this it traveled at a great speed from the eastern horizon towards the western horizon.

DECLASSIFIED BY: [REDACTED]
DECLASSIFIED DATE: [REDACTED]

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 01/01/2014 BY [REDACTED]

1st 24-448 N, 10th Dist CIO (to USAF), subj: Rep of Unidentified Flying Object Sighted on 8 Aug 56 in Gen'l Vic of Quartzsite, Arizona

"I searched the skies for two hours after the incident for sightings of this kind. I also tried and attempted to re-imagine the incident which I had seen to see if it could have been a figment of my imagination, however, it was impossible for me to develop visually the incident which I had seen."

"Hoping this may be of some value in co-relating unidentified flying objects."

4. On 21 August 1956, Mr. [REDACTED] was interviewed and stated substantially the same information as contained in the letter quoted above, and could offer no further information.

5. On 23 August 1956, Mr. [REDACTED], Attorney at Law, [REDACTED], San Diego, California, was interviewed by special agent JOSEPH E. [REDACTED] and stated substantially as follows: On 8 August 1956, he and [REDACTED] were camping approximately ten miles east of Highway 95, approximately twenty miles south of Quartzsite, Arizona. While lying in a sleeping bag and half asleep, [REDACTED] claimed to have spotted an object and pointed it out to him. The object, as he saw it, appeared to be almost directly under the highway and was traveling in a north-easterly direction. The object appeared to be elliptical in shape and gave off a bluish glow without any definite pinpoint of light effect which would indicate aircraft recognition lights. At this point, [REDACTED] arose from the sleeping bag and went to get his glasses for slight earsightedness correction. After putting on his glasses, the object did not appear to be exactly the same, it looked more distinctly like a definite light and he cannot recall noting its exact shape. The light itself was an intermittent pulsating light, and at this time appeared to be traveling in a westerly direction at an altitude far above that associated with normal aircraft; i. e., above forty to fifty thousand feet. He stated that he at first thought the object might be a weather balloon with a light suspended from a gondola; however, since there was no light oscillation and the object appeared to be continually moving rather than suspended, he set aside the possibility of the object being a weather balloon. He also that the object appeared the size of B-52 or B-47s, did not emit any audible sound, and left no trailing vapors or exhaust. [REDACTED] stated that it was impossible to estimate the speed of the object; however, since the object did not disappear below the horizon but disappear from view, and since he had observed this light for a period of twenty-five seconds to sixty seconds, he believed the object to be traveling at an exceedingly high rate of speed. He was positive, since he had observed meteors and aircraft earlier in the evening, object sighted was not a weather balloon, meteor, or common aircraft. Upon reviewing events that occurred that night, [REDACTED] thought the object might possibly be a launched space station as

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6. ACTION: No similar reports relative to this observance have been received. Neither [REDACTED] could furnish additional information pertaining to other persons who might have observed the same incident. No further action is contemplated relative to the information listed above.

7. This correspondence is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c(3)(b), AFM 105-1.

Copies to:

Air Technical Intelligence
Center, Wright-Patterson
AFB, Ohio, ATIA-2C -

Harold J. Gray
Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

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